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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2017

TO: Select Lead Administrators, MEGS Plus (MEGS+) Authorized Officials, and Title III Limited English Proficient Program Contact of Agencies Eligible for Section 41 Bilingual Grant

FROM: Michael W. Radke, Ph.D. *Mike Radke*
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SUBJECT: State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant Application Available in MEGS+

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the State Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant is now available in MEGS+.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) applying for Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant funds will find the count of students (by scoring category) in the MEGS+ Section 41 Bilingual Grant Application. These scores were provided to the Office of Field Services from the Office of Assessment and are based on the Spring, 2017 assessment. This data was used to determine the total allocation for each agency based on legislative requirements.

The 2017-18 Section 41 Bilingual Education Grant application is due by Friday, October 20, 2017. Districts must provide evidence-based bilingual/ESL instruction by certified and bilingually or English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsed teachers to ensure high quality instruction. If no appropriately endorsed teacher is currently employed at the LEA, the LEA must include a written plan for how they will employ an endorsed Highly Qualified teacher within five years. (Please add this description to your program plan in MEGS+.) Program design and delivery of instruction should focus on helping students acquire English at academic levels that prepare them for meeting the state English language proficiency and content standards.

After the October 20, 2017 application submission deadline, MDE will calculate and announce final allocations. If the number of students to be funded exceeds the funds allocated by the legislature, MDE will prorate the allocation on an equal percentage basis as intended by the legislation.

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